

## No Excuse, No Escape (Pt. 1)

*Romans 2:1-3*

### Outline

- 1) Opening to the Letter (1:1-17)
  - a) Greetings from Paul (1-7)
  - b) Thanksgiving & Prayer for the Romans (8-15)
  - c) Formal Statement of the Letter's Theme (16-17)
- 2) The Gospel Explained: Justification by Faith Alone (1:18—4:25)
  - 1:18—3:20 – Man's utter lack of righteousness
    - 1:18-32 – the pagans
    - 2:1—3:8 – the Jews

### The Spiritual Categories in the 1<sup>st</sup> century

- 1) Lost pagans (1:18-32)
- 2) Lost Jews and gentile proselytes, trying to attain heaven by their own righteousness (2:1—3:8; 10:1-3)
- 3) A remnant of Jews & Gentile proselytes who had come to genuine OT saving faith.

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- I. Knowing what is sinful and condemning it in others will not allow you to escape God's wrath (1-16).
  - That idea comes from...
    - A. A Flawed View of God's Justice (1-3)
      - 1) Mistaking self-righteousness for real righteousness (1).